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Docket No.: H01.2-8601

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE UNITED STATES RECEIVING OFFICE (RO/US)

In re Application of:

FCP Europa Carton Faltschachtel GmbH et al

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PCT/EP98/02097

Int'l App. No.:

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For:

A METHOD FOR PACKING CONTAINERS IN

TRANSPORT BOXES

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ATTN: EO/US

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached: 2 page Transmittal; Preliminary Amendment; 19 sheets English translation of appln; 4 page English translation of amended claims; VAS Transmittal Letter; and Postcard.

- 2. With respect to fees:
 - No additional fee is required.
 - Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$ ×
- Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.
- CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 3.

This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are 4. required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER: H01.2-8601

CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED (dd/mm/yy): INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 16 April 1997, PCT/EP98/02097 ___ (dd/mm/yy): 09 April 1998 TITLE OF INVENTION: A METHOD OF PACKING CONTAINERS IN TRANSPORT BOXES APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: JENS ECKERMANN ECP EUROPA-CARTON FALTSCHACHTEL GMBH ET AL Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination 3. × until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority 4. date. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) 5. Ø is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International bureau). has been transmitted by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States receiving Office (RO/US). A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)). 6. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) 7. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). have been transmitted by the International Bureau. b. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. have not been made and will not be made. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 8. 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). 10. Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.29 and 3.31 is included. 12. A FIRST preliminary amendment. Please enter the amendment before fee calculation. X 13. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. A substitute specification. 15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. Other items or information: 16.

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17. The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(A)(1)-(5)): (select the appropriate one of the following fees) Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO \$930.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) \$490.00 No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) \$750.00 Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$1,070.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Articles 33(2)-33(4) \$98.00 ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =				\$ 930.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than □ 20 □ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	19 - 20 =	-	x \$ 22.00	\$	
Independent Claims	2 - 3=	_	x \$ 82.00	\$	1
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable) + \$ 270.00				\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$930.00	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity Statement must be filed also. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				\$	
SUBTOTAL =				\$	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than \Box 20 \Box 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$930.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$	
				Amount to be: Refunded	\$
				Charged	\$
 a. A check in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. Please charge my Deposit Account No in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees is enclosed. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. 					
c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.					
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